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**CALLING ALL KAUA‘I EDUCATORS:
“PROJECT LEARNING TREE” EDUCATOR WORKSHOP**

LIHU‘E – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in cooperation with the National Tropical Botanical Garden, the U.S. Forest Service, and the American Forest Foundation invites educators throughout the State of Hawai‘i looking for creative, multi-disciplinary environmental education materials to participate in our FREE state Project Learning Tree (PLT) workshops.

Project Learning Tree is an award-winning education program that can be incorporated into subject areas such as math, language arts, and social studies. It can be adapted to various audiences: Pre-K – 12 students, Scout troops, special education classes, community groups and more.

In 2011, PLT workshops will focus on forest values in honor of the United Nations Designation of 2011 as International Year of Forests. This free workshop will provide educators with the opportunity to share ideas with colleagues, learn about Hawai‘i’s unique natural resources from local scientists, and get free educational resources. Participants will receive the PLT K-8 curriculum guide, which is correlated to National Content Standards. To make content more relevant to Hawai‘i’s students, facilitators will highlight how to connect PLT with Hawai‘i-specific resources, including the ‘Ohi‘a Project and Hoike o Haleakala.

The Kaua‘i PLT workshop will take place on May 28, 2011 from 9:00am to 3:30pm at the National Tropical Botanical Garden at Kalaheo. The registration deadline is May 20th.

The DLNR, U.S. Forest Service, and American Forest Foundation would like to extend a big mahalo to our hosts at the National Tropical Botanical Garden for providing a spacious and engaging sites for Kaua‘i’s PLT workshop.

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Space is limited, so register early. To learn more about the workshops and to register, visit <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/PLT/2011> or contact Melissa Kolonie at Melissa.J.Kolonie@hawaii.gov.

To secure your place at the workshop, please submit the completed registration form and a \$20 hold fee as directed on the registration form. The fee will be returned to you at the workshop. Complimentary lunch and snacks will be provided.

To find out more about PLT before the workshops, visit www.plt.org.

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News in Brief: Calling all Educators - DLNR is collaborating with the National Tropical Botanical Garden, U.S. Forest Service, and the American Forest Foundation to provide educators throughout the State of Hawai‘i with environmental education materials through the Project Learning Tree workshop. For more information on the workshops on O‘ahu, Maui, Hawai‘i Island and Kaua‘i visit www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw and click on the 2011 PLT link.

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